

WOMT Summary 12/12/2006

DAT reported a decision to WOMT

The DAT salmon biologists recommended closing the DCC starting 12/15/2006 to protect emigrating yearling spring and winter Chinook. With the recent rain event, flow and turbidity increased in Mill Creek and more yearling spring run were caught, and many older juvenile Chinook were caught in the Knight's Landing beach seine. Preliminary results of the ultra-sonic tag experiment are most of the tagged fish have moved downstream, past the DCC, and the principles investigators are comfortable with closing the DCC. There may be a b2 cost associated with closing the DCC due to water quality impacts. DWR will run the DSM2 model to estimate water quality impacts 3 weeks out, and BR will estimate the b2 cost. FWS will email the DAT reflector to inform us of the b2 cost. If the b2 cost is significant, DAT will convene a conference call on 12/15/06 at 9:00 am on the regular conference line 916/657-4111.

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